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<TEXT>We do not want to pay more for our telephone service! You need to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people (like my wife and I) who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. This is unfair and unacceptable!

We use our wireless phone only for safety & security purposes. We don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses and high-volume residential users can pay less than their fair share. We urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

P.S. If you want to do something positive, take a serious look at the cellular telephone industry's tactic of selling people, for instance, a "monthly \$39.99 service plan" which actually costs the consumer \$59+ monthly (as did our SunCom plan) once we paid all the associated fees and taxes. That's deceptive marketing, ridiculous and worthy of your attention!!! That's why we dropped SunCom and purchased a TracFone for our rare safety/security call...no hidden costs!!!

Sincerely,

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